

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, Intelligence

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MEMORANDUM FOR: SECRETARY, INTELLIGENCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

SUBJECT: NIE-56

REFERENCE: G-2 Memorandum to IAC, 28 September 1951

1. G-2 has recently reviewed its original request for a series of area studies which would have appraised the direct effects upon the economic potential of the U.S. and the non-Communist world of the "denial" of the strategically most important resources of various areas. Subsequent to the request for such studies, NIE's and studies by the EIC have or will fulfill the need expressed in 1951 for these studies.

2. In light of the above, G-2 recommends that its original request for these studies be withdrawn, provided that the studies in preparation by the EIC as contributions to the NIE-56 series are continued and are published as completed studies.

3. Withdrawal of the G-2 request includes the recommendation that NIE-56 be cancelled and the remaining estimates of this series not be initiated.

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